

WAC 220-352-310 Forage fish and mackerel—Additional reporting requirements.

(1) Fishers and receivers must ensure that forage fish harvests required to be reported as bait under WAC 220-352-020 (5) (b) are accurately reported on the same fish ticket as, and at the time of delivery of, the fish or shellfish harvested with the bait. For forage fish transferred from one vessel to another without monetary consideration, the harvest should be reported on the fish ticket of the fisher who received the bait.

(2) Operators of commercial fishing vessels distributing or transferring forage fish for monetary consideration from the nets or other holding devices under his or her control must either:

(a) Transfer the fish to a licensed wholesale fish buyer; or

(b) Possess a wholesale fish buyer endorsement and complete a fish receiving ticket to record the transaction.

(3) Receivers of forage fish or mackerel must initiate and complete fish receiving tickets on the day the forage fish or mackerel are delivered.

(a) Herring must also be reported on herring harvest logs.

(b) The harvested amount of forage fish or mackerel must be entered upon the fish ticket when the forage fish are off-loaded from the catcher vessel.

(c) Fishers and receivers must ensure that any catches of herring, candlefish, anchovy, sardine, or mackerel that are unmarketable due to mortality are recorded on a fish receiving ticket as a "loss estimate" by weight.

(4) In the coastal sardine fishery or coastal mackerel fishery, receivers may not purchase, per sardine or mackerel fishery vessel, more than fifteen percent cumulative weight of sardine or mackerel for the purposes of conversion into fish flour, fishmeal, fish scrap, fertilizer, fish oil, other fishery products, or by-products, for purposes other than human consumption or fishing bait during the sardine or mackerel fishery season. Sardine and mackerel purchased for these purposes must be included, by weight, on the fish ticket as "reduction."

(5) In any forage fish fishery or in the mackerel purse seine fishery, receivers must not purchase anchovy in excess of fifteen percent, by weight, of the total landing weight per vessel, for the purposes of conversion into fish flour, fishmeal, fish scrap, fertilizer, fish oil, or other fishery products. Anchovy purchased for these purposes must be included, by weight, on the fish ticket as "reduction."

(6) Electronic fish receiving ticket reporting agreements (WAC 220-352-035(3)) may specify alternative procedures for satisfying the catch report requirements under WAC 220-356-050 and 220-356-160.

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